

## THE MARKED FINGER.

A Story from the English.

A jealous man, Sir Chester Bowden. Even when a boy, superficial people said he was impious because he was a baronet at twelve years of age.

Those who knew better, who had information concerning the old family of the Bowdens, had no need to be informed that the Bowdens were hard, proud, imperious and jealous, though just, men.

They never did a wrong, and yet never seemed to be in the right.

At the inquest, it was said old Sir Chester accidentally shot himself. But the county families well knew that he had taken his own life.

Even many of the common people on the estate had little or no doubt upon this point.

The reason? Three months before the crash his wife had fled from him. He made no effort to seek her out, and it was only his death and its manner which let people into the secret of his love for her.

She had been pitied by her own servants through her ten years of married life.

She was very meek and mild, always stood up when he entered the room, and to the end of all she called him Sir Chester.

He always called her Lady Bowden. They never quarreled, and they were always dull. She never smiled. There was some talk of her having loved some young farmer before she married so well. But that was, doubtless, scandal.

However, she fled; Sir Chester died, shot, three months afterwards, and young Sir Chester was nine years of age.

At Oxford he made but one friend and many enemies. Oxonians hate Oxonians who are not cheery and friendly amongst themselves.

Boleyn Hever began by pitying Chester Bowden, and ended by killing him.

But they were never familiar. For instance, Hever always wore a piece of flesh-colored plaster between the first and second joints of the middle finger of the left hand.

Chester never asked the meaning of the patch; and once when, while boating, the plaster was rubbed away, Chester never asked what was the meaning of the seven little tattooed stars he saw where the plaster had been.

The explanation, however, was very simple. A rich old godfather, from whom the poorish Hevers had expectations, and being an old sailor, had elected thus to mark his godson.

Boleyn Hever, being naturally a high class man, entertained a strong disgust for these marks—a disgust which reached morbidity, and he hid them with flesh-colored plaster.

At twenty-three Sir Chester Bowden married one of the most dashing women of her year. He was as jealous as his father, and as proud; therefore he had no fear of Lady Bowden being ungrateful. She was poor.

Boleyn Hever, his neighbor, had not married, and was nursing his estate, which had been left him very much encumbered.

At what precise moment Sir Chester became jealous of his one friend he himself never knew. He was to certain of his own suffering.

He hated company, but he was bound to give fetes, balls, etc.

It was the evening before the first anniversary of his wedding, upon which occasion there was to be a ball.

Sir Chester had noticed his wife anxious all day, and his demon prompted him terribly. Why was she anxious?

After dinner she pleaded sickness, and went to her sitting room, into which Sir Chester never intruded.

An hour afterwards he sent a servant to her with some inquiry concerning the ball on the following day.

The servant returned, saying that "my lady" was not in her room.

There was murder in Sir Chester's heart the next moment. But he only took up a heavy riding-whip.

No—not in her room!

The first trace he found of her was a pencil-case, glittering in the moonlight. He drew a line in his mind's eye from the house to it, and thence in the same direction.

"To the grape gates," he muttered—"a straight line to his house."

On he went.

Suddenly, being on the top of a hollock, he saw Boleyn—there could be no question about the man—and with him a woman hooded.

They were going towards the great iron open-work gates, which, from their pattern, were commonly called the grape-gates.

He uttered a horrible cry, which evidently the couple heard, for they hurried to the gates, to which there was no lodge, and one of which was open.

They must have seen Chester leaping towards them, for they ran.

Conclusion in our next.

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